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Water Festival almost sunk

Teljeur says single event not viable

By Terrance Gavan

Any multi-year agreement for the Minden International Festival of Water that was proposed for August 2-5 in the Minden Fairgrounds is a non-starter, says Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid.

The festival proposal, backed by music promoter Wolfgang Siebert and brought forward to council by community liaison and Minden Hills resident John Teljeur, hinged entirely on council's backing of a multi-year agreement. The suggestion of a four year deal was initially broached, but in later discussions Teljeur told council that Siebert and the organizers would be okay with a three-year commitment.

Teljeur explained to council during several appearances that the organizers – Earth Productions and Mr. Siebert – required a multi-year pact so that an expected shortfall on the first year of the event could be recouped in later years. Teljeur told council that they expected attendance to reach 10,000 in year one and over 20,000 for years two and three.

Council, says Reid, have already agreed to support a report from their lawyer, urging caution in the matter and suggesting that council reject any multi-year commitment.

"Minden Hills Council is very interested in working with Mr. Teljeur and the concert promoter Wolfgang Siebert to bring a three-day concert event to Minden in August

2012," said Reid in a phone conversation earlier this week. "It is standard practice for the municipality to seek legal advice on all proposed contractual agreements.

"Legal counsel advised that the proposed three-year agreement for the concert event submitted by Mr. Teljeur carries considerable risk for the municipality. Mr. Teljeur was advised on Feb 9 that the Township would be willing to consider an agreement for a single concert event in 2012 and if this was acceptable we would have our legal counsel draw up an agreement."

Reid says that Teljeur, originally expected to appear at the Feb 9 meeting of council, was left off the delegate list until his group had a chance to accept or reject the offer of a one year, one time event deal.

"If this concert [on the August long weekend] is a success and there is an acceptable level of disruption for the community, granting an event license for 2013 would be highly likely," Reid added.

In a phone interview last week, just prior to the Feb 9 council meeting, Teljeur said that organizers could not commit to a one year deal and that without a multi-year agreement the project proposal was effectively dead in the water.

Reid says that Teljeur was apprised of the counter offer and the one year stopper. "We're talking to John about a one-time event for this year and then we'll see," she says. "We're not concert promoters and we have no technical expertise in this area. So we have to get legal advice; and when the lawyers say stop we typically stop. Why would you want to sign up for three years? What if it doesn't work? Events like this are problematic for councils.

Terra rose from primordial ooze at Minden's Dominion Hotel last Saturday. The debut of Halistoria was a rollicking success. See story on Page 13. **Photo by Terrance Gavan**

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Council offers one-year deal for concert : RD Lawrence Place dispute in time-out

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"What happens if, at the end of the event, the OPP says it was a disaster?"

"We've given direction back to John that the majority of council is not comfortable with going against legal advice. But, we're still willing to work with [Siebert] if he's willing to do a one year, one event promotion."

Teljeur, when informed of Reid's comments on Tuesday said in an email that: "It appears that the Reeve is entrenching her position, knowing full well that doing so means the event will not happen."

Teljeur said that he, Minden Hills Community Services Director Rick Cox, and the production group headed by Mr. Siebert have worked very hard for almost a year, trying to solidify the terms and conditions.

"The promoter has conceded every single point that has been asked of his company including increased insurance, clean up deposit, contract not to exceed 2014, no more than one event per year and contacting the OPP," said Teljeur. "Should Minden Hills not be seeking a second opinion to support the

first or give another perspective?"

Reid says that one of the stumbling blocks concerned Mr. Siebert's involvement in the Great Lakes Jam [see story on page 3] and the fallout over that event after a similar four year agreement was signed by Meaford Township. The Jam ran in 2004, but Meaford, under pressure from residents, used an opt-out clause to kill the follow up concert slated for August 2005.

"Let's scale this down," said Reid. "Let's have an event for one day and maybe we'd talk for 2013. John has to accept the fact that this isn't going to come together."

Teljeur says that the promoters need a multi-year guarantee in order to protect investors and investments in park upgrades, site work and the administrative losses that are always expected in the first year of any music festival.

"Reid says that, 'Granting a license would be highly likely,'" said Teljeur. "But she spells out no terms, performance or conditions that the promoter would have to meet in order to have an event in 2013. What sound business person would invest money under those conditions?"

Reid says that it's a one year, take-it-or-leave-it proposition.

By Stephen Patrick

The dispute over the future of RD Lawrence Place, between Sharon Lawrence, widow of the author and naturalist RD Lawrence, and the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, has been put on hold for at least a week or two. "I don't want to make any further comment at this time," Sharon Lawrence told *The Highlander* on Tuesday. "I'll have more to say in a week or so."

Meanwhile, Minden Hills Councilor Brigitte Gall said that the Minden Hills Cultural Centre Committee as well as the Minden Hills Museum Board needed to meet first to decide on a game plan before they initiate any further meetings with Ms. Lawrence. "We all hope that this can be resolved to all the parties' satisfaction. It's also important to note that our plans were to restructure RDLP, not to 're-brand' it," Councilor Gall told *The Highlander*.

And regarding Ms. Lawrence's stated wish to have the collection she donated to the RDLP in 2006 returned to her, Gall points out that the Deed of Gift, signed by Ms. Lawrence in 2006 and 2009, makes it clear that the donation is irrevocable.

Earlier this week, Minden Hills Cultural Centre's Interim Director, Laurie Carmount, sent a copy of the Deed of Gift, a public document, to the *Minden Times*. When requested on Tuesday by *The Highlander*, and by MHCCC Chair Brigitte Gall, to extend the same courtesy, Carmount point blank refused.

"Brigitte doesn't have the authorization with that and as a department of the municipality, I have not authorized yet that it goes to your paper, so at this point in time. As a department head, and as interim director of the RDLP, I am not giving you authorization to use it [the Deed of Gift]." When asked why not, Carmount replied, "Because at this point in time, it isn't going to happen."

When *The Highlander* replied, asking if there is an embargo against the paper, Carmount answered, "As a director of the institution, and by the township of Minden Hills, and I've CC'd the CAO of the township, that this is the decision in that this will not be released to your newspaper at this time."

In an email, Carmount was equally clear. "*The Highlander* may not use the copy of the Gifts of Deeds for the RDLP collection in any way. I, as the department head of this institution for the township of Minden Hills, have not given authorization for this to be released to this newspaper."

The Deed of Gift was however sent to *The Highlander* early Wednesday, by an employee at the Cultural Centre. There are actually two documents in question. The first is a donation form signed by Sharon Lawrence and then Museum Director Carol Simmons in 2006, which donates various memorabilia to the Minden Hills Museum; the second is a Deed of Gift dated November 24, 2009, which includes books, objects, and some art, which are to be the property of RDLP.

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Minden Hills

Minden's caution may stem from Meaford's angst

2004 concert led to complaints, threats of lawsuits

By Terrance Gavan

Minden Council surveyed a rugged history of the Great Lakes Jam before making any decisions about the Minden International Concert for Water, proposed for the August Long Weekend (Aug 2-5).

An article written in February of 2005 by Toronto Star reporter Roberta Avery is one of the only surviving documents that we could locate, chronicling the puzzling case of promoter Wolfgang Siebert and the Great Lakes Jam.

The story, because it involves Siebert, who is listed as a driving force behind the Minden rock and environment festival, might have swayed Minden Hills Council to opt for a single year guarantee instead of the multi-year packet requested by Siebert's community liaison, John Teljeur, who has appeared before council several times over the past four months espousing the benefits of the four day festival.

Eight years ago—in 2004 — Siebert was involved in a similar promotion called the Great Lakes Jam, a rock concert held in Meaford Township in a natural amphitheater called Coffin Hill. Featuring acts such as Alice Cooper, Steppenwolf and Joe Walsh, the Jam drew

as many as 10,000 fans a day over three days.

But as Avery wrote in her 2005 article, “[The Jam] also drew complaints from local residents.” According to the story, warning notes that the 2005 Great Lakes Jam was in jeopardy began to sound when the mayor alleged that the license for the 2004 festival was issued by mistake.

And that's when it got interesting for Meaford, Siebert and Coffin Hill. Aptly named perhaps, because the Great Lakes Jam succumbed to sour notes in 2005.

Siebert began to feel some heat in 2005 as delegations approached council demanding the planned 2005 concert be cancelled. That's when Siebert told council that he had raised \$3 million from investors to stage four annual classic rock concerts. Siebert also said he spent “hundreds of thousands of dollars” on site improvements before booking an impressive lineup “that also included the Animals and Cheap Trick.”

Differences of opinion arose in 2005 regarding the terms of the agreement. Meaford Mayor Wally Reif insisted, in an interview with Avery, “that all discussions with Siebert were based on council issuing a permit for only one concert and then revisiting the idea. Meaford Council must follow a process that includes public consultations before deciding whether to issue another permit.”

That's when Siebert brought in former Ontario cabinet minister Chris Stockwell. Stockwell appeared as a representative for Siebert and threatened the committee with a lawsuit unless the permit was issued

promptly. Stockwell added that Meaford would in turn be sued by investors who could not recoup their losses from the 2004 concert if the 2005 concert did not go ahead, according to the Star story. “We will not go quietly. We told them [the planning committee] they made the mistake, so they have to fix it,” Stockwell told Avery in an interview.

It went back and forth from there, with threats of suits and countersuits, to no avail.

The story and the Jam ended with a sad, terse website posting on June 29, 2005.

“Great Lakes Jam has been cancelled for this year,” it read. “The Executive Producer of the show, Wolfgang Siebert, made that call earlier today after learning that two appeals of the Meaford Entertainment bylaw had been filed with the Ontario Municipal Board. Siebert says Meaford Mayor Wally Rief could have issued the show a special events permit... but he chose not to.”

Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid told *The Highlander* on Tuesday that their lawyer and council considered the Great Lake Jam in deciding to nix any multi-year deal, even with an opt-out clause.

Reid said that she fully supports a one-year, one-event deal in 2012, but was also aware that a one-year deal was a no-fly zone for the Siebert bid.

See the related story on pages 1 and 2.

Draft budget pegs shortfall at \$164,000

Wage and benefit increase kept to 1.45%

By Terrance Gavan

Minden Hills Treasurer Lorrie Blanchard presented the 2012 Draft Budget to council at the Feb 9 meeting.

Blanchard's draft pegs the net shortfall at \$164,500, and recommends that it be financed by a three percent increase in the taxation levy: one percent in growth, or \$54,835; and two percent derived from additional levies, or \$109,665. Residential assessments will be determined as per their phase-in status.

Major expenditures include over \$3 million in wage and benefit packages and a roads budget expected to top \$2 million in 2012.

Policing costs increased by \$63,000 or 5.7 percent, to \$1.7 million. The report also posts capital expenditures for roads at \$875,900, including the purchase of a tandem truck and plow. Gas tax funding will be used in 2012 to assist in the financing of road construction.

Water & Sewer plans \$190,000 in capital expenditures for accessibility renovations and water and sewer plant upgrades; Community Centre and Parks are registering capital projects at \$75,090 for movable walls, board replacements, vehicle replacements and electrical work. Cemetery capital projects come in at \$25,365 for landscaping and upkeep of property. Parks & Recreation is allocating \$35,000 for Economic Development and the 2015 Pan American Games.

Also of note is a \$47,000 increase (1.45 percent) for wages and benefits, bringing total allocation for personnel in 2012 to \$3.3 million. According to the report, the increase was a result of additional costs related to the CAO and Clerk's department;

the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System (OMERS); and group benefit rate increases. Also included were consulting and legal fees; additional funds for pay equity reviews; CAO replacement costs (Gerry Morrison is retiring at the end of this year); union negotiations; and the tendering of the Minden Village Master Plan.

A large expenditure in the treasurer's office will be \$200,000 to upgrade the municipality's financial software. According to Blanchard, the current system is substandard. “Software support is non-existent,” she said. Also included in the Clerk's budget is \$12,000 for the development of a new website.

Allocations for consulting fees amount to \$105,000, and include a headhunting fee to replace the CAO plus additions to the village development master plan. Insurance will increase from \$195,300 to \$202,050.

The draft budget outlines the proposed reserve transfers for 2012: a net transfer of \$397,942 less than in 2011, or a 37.1 percent decrease. The Treasurer's report stipulates that the working capital reserve “should represent 10 percent to 15 percent of the Township's overall tax billing (including County and Education levy).”

There has been no provision to increase the reserve in 2012; \$35,000 will be allocated to reduce the Cemetery Board's accumulated deficit and \$75,000 is currently being transferred annually, to support operational expenditures. The report suggests that, “future budgets should attempt to eliminate this amount, in order to reduce the overall impact to this reserve.”

OMPF (Provincial funding) has increased from \$1,025,200 to \$1,075,700, a grant subject to annual review. The Provincial Stewardship (Blue Box-Recycling) funding has also increased, from \$87,913 to \$130,240; Allocations are now partially based on best practices, and a waste recycling strategy plan, implemented in 2011, has assisted in the receipt of this additional funding.

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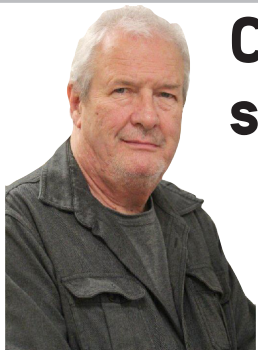
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Editorial opinion



Conservative justice: one strike, and goodbye, baby

By Stephen Patrick

Prime Minister Stephen Harper, supported and encouraged by his Public Safety Minister, Vic Toews, for whom no inflammatory rhetoric is ever over the top, has made reform of Canada's justice system a top priority. In doing so he's managed to enrage jurists, journalists, police forces, and civil libertarians of all political stripes. This week alone four major jurists slammed his policies, and in fact a decision by Ontario Superior Court Judge Anne Molloy

might even put the mandatory minimum gun law which was passed by Parliament in 2008 in jeopardy.

As reported in the National Post, Judge Molloy struck down a three-year sentence doled out to one Leroy Smickle who was discovered taking pictures of himself with a loaded hand-gun for use on his Facebook page. Smickle was "preening" apparently, had no criminal record, was employed and taking adult education courses, had a child and a fiancé. Wrong place, wrong time.

Judge Molloy was at pains to point out that she was "painfully aware" of the seriousness of gun crimes, but maintained that in this circumstance, the sentence constituted cruel and unusual punishment.

A day or so later, former Ontario Conservative Attorney General and later Chief Justice Roy McMurtry was joined by fabled defense lawyer Edward Greenspan and law professor Anthony Doob in a scathing attack on the Harper government's reforms, published, again, in the National Post.

"The Harper crime policy is more than the sum of its parts because it tells us that the government is committed to ignoring evidence about crime, and does not care about whether our criminal justice system is just and humane. The student who grows six marijuana plants in her rented apartment to share with friends will soon face a mandatory minimum sentence of nine months in prison. Meanwhile, assaults have no mandatory minimum sentences."

And if this student's roommate grew only five plants, she would receive no mandatory minimum sentence.

What these learned jurists are concerned about is the Harper government's refusal even to consider that the American model of justice it is adopting is considered by almost every judicial and criminology expert to be a disastrous failure. Their unrelenting desire, based on ignorance and ideology, to convert our system to one based virtually exclusively on punishment rather than justice, or, heaven forbid, mercy, represents a profound shift in our national culture.

And now Minister Toews has introduced a bill that would allow police and justice forces, even the Competition Bureau, to snoop around in your private Internet files at will. And anyone who opposes the bill, according to Toews, is in cahoots with child pornographers.

What's also interesting, and should be of serious concern to the Harperites, is that the campaign to re-examine the Tories' justice reforms is coming from some of our most conservative media voices, notably the above-mentioned National Post. One of the Post's major commentators, Kelly McParland, has slammed Toew's snooping bill, for example.

We all know that political parties pander to certain sections of their populist base on occasion. But this government's stubborn refusal to consider the facts of the case (just the facts, Ma'am) is just unthinking arrogance. And for which, perhaps, it might pay a very serious price down the road.



By Bram Lebo

Being monitored isn't freedom

A few months ago, I received a \$250 ticket in the mail for running a stoplight. That's not something I normally do, and so I put my mind back to the day in question, one I remembered because I had been at a medical appointment in the City. Yes, I had been at that intersection, but I recalled making a right turn to head to the Don Valley Parkway and back to Haliburton. I did not go through it.

Yet there was the notice, telling me I was guilty. I studied it carefully and, sure enough, there's a photo of my car next to another in front of a red light, then another photo with my car completely absent.

How was that possible? Surely my car would have been visible on the other side of the intersection had I ran the light?

But of course I hadn't run the light. I had made a perfectly legal right turn, stopping at the intersection beforehand to check traffic. Somehow, the red light camera — that assuredly infallible piece of technology put there to save the world from criminals — had made a mistake.

Try telling that to the Ministry of Transportation. You cannot; they do not accept calls. What you must do, and what I did, is take another day and go back to the City, to stand in line and file an objection. Then, I was told, after about six months, or maybe two years, I would get a notice of my court date where I could dispute the charge laid by the robot at the corner of Finch Avenue and Don Mills Road.

That was exciting. I immediately constructed my revenge fantasy, my day in court. I would stride, Maximillian Schell-like, towards Exhibit A — the photo of me stopped at the intersection, which I would have blown up to courtroom proportions, sitting on an easel for the judge to consider. Then, more striding, I would land the telescopic pointer — which I had purchased especially for the occasion — like a flyswatter on Exhibit B — the photo of an empty intersection displayed on easel #2.

"Quod erat demonstrandum, your honour!" I would declare, triumphantly, using the Latin for "see, I didn't do it" for maximum effect.

I would demand the City reimburse me for the two days I had to spend defending myself, and for the pointer, Bristol board and easels. I would claim vindication over Rob Ford's apparently still-repressive regime and tell the awaiting television cameras that this was one small step for justice against the tyranny of government surveillance.

Alas, it was not to happen. On receiving my objection, it seems someone actually looked at the photos and cancelled the ticket. A relief, but a bit of an anticlimax really: no day in court, no gesticulating deliberations.

Now this story really happened, and despite the aggravation it caused me, it did me little harm. Imagine however that the charge was not running a red light, but something much more serious. Imagine, as our federal government wishes to do, our online activities, conversations, emails and phone calls were monitored and, through some screw-up — quite likely, actually inevitable from the people who can't seem to issue a fishing licence — my name or yours comes up in a fishing expedition for criminal activity.

That is the question — and answer — to Vic Toews and to anyone who says you have nothing to worry about if you have nothing to hide [see Stephen's editorial, left]. Free people aren't watched, monitored, tracked and assessed for threats. The act of snooping on law-abiding citizens is in itself an attack on freedom. We could stop all crime by tagging everyone, by putting cameras in every home and every location: no crime, but no freedom either; that's exactly what this bill does through electronic surveillance.

Because if this bill passes, there is no doubt that, eventually, the government will collect everything about you. A faceless agent (or maybe the robot at Don Mills and Finch) will be able to call up your file and see exactly who you know and who you've talked to (from your email records); where you've been (from your phone records) and what's on your mind (from your browsing records). Then, when it turns out you were sitting next to a guy at a restaurant three years ago who's committed a crime, presto — the police appear at your door to ask questions. Or maybe they just arrest you in the name of being tough on crime and you can have your day in court, exhibits and all.

Our community was strongly against the long-gun registry because it was an intrusion into the lives and privacy of law-abiding citizens. The Conservatives' proposed surveillance laws are far more threatening to our privacy and our freedom than a simple registry of guns. That's not fantasy, that's the experience of nations who disregard the privacy of their citizens, from the former East Germany and USSR to Canada and our treatment of Maher Arar.

What can you do? You can write to our MP, Barry Devolin, and tell him you expect the same defence of our privacy and freedom as he provided on the gun registry, by voting against this bill. Write barry.devolin@parl.gc.ca or call toll free 1-866-688-9881.

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RD Lawrence's daughter responds

Dear Editor:

I am the daughter of RD Lawrence, and as such I am deeply concerned with the “re-branding” of the RD Lawrence Place. My stepmother, Sharon Lawrence, has worked tirelessly to see that the RDLP continues to spread the word of my late father’s conservation work of all Canada’s wildlife. Re-branding is not only unnecessary, but also goes against the ethos of everything that Sharon Lawrence has worked so tirelessly to bring to the many visitors from all over the world.

WHY was she not consulted in this matter?! If it was not for her generosity, the RDLP would not even exist. Please DO NOT re-brand it; the old saying of ‘If it ain’t broke, don’t fix it’ seems to apply here.

Alison Lawrence
United Kingdom

Tournament coverage inadequate

Dear Editor:

For the most part, I appreciate the coverage our community receives on issues and activities as reported by the weekly papers, but feel none of the papers did justice to the recent Scotty Morrison Hockey Tournament.

The theme of the tournament centred on Canada’s military, yet *The Highlander* did not have one photo of the soldiers from Camps Borden and Petawawa, who not only visited our community, but participated in the tournament. The Stanley Cup is a national symbol that travels to major cities throughout North America, and through the kindness and efforts of Scotty Morrison, it has been in our community on more than one occasion, but not a single photo in *The Highlander* of the cup, or of Scotty Morrison, from this tournament.

Not a single photo of the NHL officials who refereed the games, and again, through the efforts and influence of Scotty Morrison, we were fortunate to have them visit our community, and participate in the tournament. There were feel-good moments that could have been reported had anyone bothered to seek them out. For example, the wife of one of the NHL officials won the 50/50 draw, and generously donated her winnings back to Community Care. A soldier, when talking to one of our residents, indicated he had never been anywhere where he felt ‘so at home’, and was looking forward to visiting our community again when on leave.

The people who that soldier had encountered on his visit to

Haliburton deserve our community’s thanks, as that kind of public relations is priceless. On Saturday night, just prior to the game between the teams from Camp Borden and Camp Petawawa, the red carpet was rolled out onto the ice, the Stanley Cup placed on the carpet, and a beautiful rendition of our National Anthem was performed by Irene Merritt. That was a feel-good, proud Canadian moment for me, and I think for everyone else in arena, to have that opportunity to share with our troops a moment to honour our country, and to acknowledge the dedication of our military in keeping our country safe.

An event of the magnitude of the Scotty Morrison Hockey Tournament generates thousands of dollars that are used to support much-needed programs in our community. As a weekend-long event, it brings high profile personalities to our area, generates many more dollars to our local business economy, and fosters goodwill, as noted above, the soldier who wants to visit our community again. It’s that kind of response that bodes well for the future economic health of our area.

We don’t need any more doors locked and display windows empty on our main street. Given that the theme of the tournament was to honour the men and women who serve in our military, I can’t think of anything more deserving of front page coverage in our local papers.

Frank Thom
Haliburton

Remembering volunteerism on Minden’s streets

Dear Editor:

We all understand budget constraints and putting our money to good use. But really, no flower baskets on the main street! Remember when a volunteer committee asked the community to donate money or services to turn a flat space into the beautiful Village Green at no cost to the municipality?

Remember when the community was asked to buy a hanging basket to be planted by Anne from Campbell’s Florist at no cost to the municipality? Remember when the same lady organized evenings at Christmastime to make fresh garlands and wreaths to decorate the main street?

Some 75 men, women and children came to help and enjoyed hot chocolate and hot dogs on that first evening — all volunteers! She also organized the sale of wreaths for all businesses to hang on their front doors at no cost to

the municipality. Volunteers delivered the wreaths to these businesses.

Remember when we, the volunteers sold hot dogs, held book sales, and yard sales in the heat of summer to raise funds for the expansion of the Cultural Centre? Remember when we bought bales of hay, and stamp sets to help build the RD Lawrence Center?

Volunteers and service clubs planted gardens along the Riverwalk at no cost to the municipality.

Volunteers built wooden walkways and a lookout as well as cleared trails in Snowdon Park. The Horticultural Society volunteers plant the flower barrels on the main street. Volunteers hold events to fundraise for their Community Centres, and I could go on and on!

Volunteerism took pride in the village and wanted to showcase it as a place to visit. With the new council that spirit

has been lacking, as the council (or I should say the “Vision Team”) seem to want to do everything their way. They will spend thousands of dollars to hire a consulting company to plan a new streetscape for the village, who will tell them to plant flowers, hang flower baskets, plant trees, put in benches, add awnings to store fronts, and build new facades.

Councils have been on this route before, as indicated in the Robert Lehman Report and the Minden Cause Report of May 1982. Very little of these reports was ever followed! It takes volunteers to create a vibrant village.

Let’s bring back that spirit and show the “Vision Team” how Minden can be a friendly, welcoming, beautiful village with little cost to the municipality!!

Lois Rigney
Canning Lake

The Outsider — Rodents’ rear ends, on ice!

Beaver tails. I was dreading them almost as much as poutine.

I thought they’d be rather tough, leathery even and fishy tasting, or at least something akin to how I imagine a beaver’s rear end is flavoured.

How to describe that in my usual eloquent prose, hmm? Best left alone, I think.

Yes, beaver tails. And skating on the canal. And a trip to ByWard market. And moules et frites in a bistro. And speeding precariously down giant ice slides with Little Z on my lap and an ever-growing dampness in my backside. Ah, the joys of Ottawa and Winterlude.

But beaver tails. I don’t know what I imagined exactly but they were very nice. Not leathery, nor fishy, nor beaver’s bummy but warm, chocolatey and donuty (perhaps that’s what a beaver’s derriere tastes like, who knows).

I ate three in quick succession. They were delicious but they ruined my sense of balance. I say this because after strapping on a pair of skates and thrusting off vigorously into the midst of the Winterlude crowds on the canal, I came to a swift and brutal stop, on my backside (lots of talk of bottoms in this week’s column...).

Sitting amidst countless gliding, twirling, wonderfully smoothly skating Canadians — folks who looked as if they’d been born pirouetting on sharp metal blades — I took stock of my position. Legs splayed at awkward angles, one hand on the ice for support, the other rubbing my upper thigh, my hat

lying several yards away. I can’t say that I was pleased with my predicament.

I stood up. Or rather I attempted to stand up and that’s when the beaver tails hit me again. The crafty little buggers swept me off my feet a second time. What is it with these tasty snacks and their effect on your balance?

I crawled to the side of the canal, skaters young and old swishing past me gracefully on all sides. Even my pal Robbie, a rough, tough, beer-drinking, tree-climbing, Rottweiler-owning son of a gun — he skated like an angel, albeit a rather rugged, “I don’t take no S*#T from no one!” one. Thankfully, he didn’t bring the dog, as it would probably have out-skated me, too.

But I digress. I crawled to the side of the canal. Then I crawled back to the middle of the canal to fetch my hat. Then I crawled back to the edge of the canal and watched in dazed awe as the beaver tails had no ill effects on my lovely wife, nor Little Z (I should clarify that all he had to do was sit on a sled). I did ask about this mode of transport but Robbie told me in no uncertain terms that he wasn’t dragging me around. So much for his angel status!

Now, Byward Market, with its eclectic mix of delis, bakeries and fromageries (oh the lovely, lovely cheese), this I could enjoy. Coupled with the fact that the beaver tail induced dizziness had subsided at the precise moment I shed my skates and tossed them into a snow bank.

Stores that smelled cheesier than the barber’s socks after a week in hunt camp; sublime (not his socks, you’ll understand, but the pungent aroma of Stilton, Epoisse and Roquefort). And then mussels and fries, coupled with a pint or two of delicious local beer.

Sliding on my ass down a man-made chute of ice at the Winterlude Park was no trouble after that.

A couple more beaver tails; another spell of giddiness — I blamed them rather than the beer. And then back to Robbie’s where he redeemed his angel status with homemade pulled pork and biscuits to die for. A few more beers to wash down this memorable meal and then the beaver tails kicked in yet again. It was OK though, because I was safely ensconced on a comfy sofa, which was handily positioned in plain sight of where I’d have to stagger to sleep that night. I smiled. Robbie got me another beer. Little Z was asleep. The dog farted. All was good in the world.

Canada, your capital city is a lot of fun in winter. One word of advice, though: unless you’re an expert (which most of you seem to be), steer clear of ice skates.

You didn’t really think I was intoxicated on beaver tails, did you?



By Will Jones

Letters continued

Anarchy is not chaos

Dear Editor:

In response to Mr. Charles Lutz's letter, I express my regret if my letter was structured in such a way as to cause confusion to any readers. Upon re-reading my letter, I can see that Mr. Lutz might well have thought that it was MY suggestion that King James changed the bible. I wish to clarify here that it is in NO WAY MY SUGGESTION that King James changed the bible.

It is, however, the conclusion in a number of writings (my apologies, but I don't have all the references to hand at the moment) on theology, religion and the bible that I've read; including, of course, the book that I mentioned in my letter, *The Powers That Be*, by theologian Walter Wink.

I would like also to make clear that I am not a theologian, nor have I studied theology as an academic career. I am not able to read Latin, Greek, Hebrew or Aramaic. I have read a number of extremely informative, clear and obviously uncomfortable (for those who do not wish ever to question their beliefs or the status quo) books about Jesus and the bible. The conclusions of those authors – including the aforementioned Walter Wink – are as follows:

- 1) King James changed the bible for his own political expediency;
- 2) The bible has, in fact, been changed and altered on numerous occasions;
- 3) Most of the writings about Jesus were written centuries after his death;
- 4) Many of the original writings in Hebrew and Aramaic have been drastically damaged in translation into Greek, Latin and, latterly, English.
- 5) The previous four points are a great part of the reason that the present-day bible contains irreconcilable contradictions which detract from its supposed message.

Again, these are not my conclusions, but rather those of various authors I've read. Mr. Lutz, in your letter you state that you have "compared printed copies of the Scriptures." All in English? All present day? Just different publishing houses? You don't specify, so one can't be sure what you were comparing. I would suggest – and yes, here it's me doing the suggesting – that if this is the case, then really the comparison you've done is largely invalid. Without going back to the original texts in the original languages, you're simply repeating hearsay.

Mr. Lutz, the part of your letter that is of greatest concern for me, however, is your statement: "Saint Paul's Epistles were written at a barbaric time when the only alternative to anarchy and chaos was a strong central authority..."

I really wish more people had a deeper understanding of anarchy. It is too often lumped together with chaos, when in reality it is the exact opposite of chaos. Anarchist societies – and yes, they have existed – have represented the highest moral order yet known to humanity: where each individual acts consciously and responsibly to do their part for the greatest good and happiness of the community, without the need for a "strong central authority." For this reason — that it constitutes a most realistic threat to hierarchical power structures — the central authorities wipe out anarchism and besmirch its name wherever it occurs.

And yet, Mr. Lutz, in ending I thank you for your efforts of protest against Bush and Blair for their crimes against humanity. We may not agree on the bible or anarchy, but we certainly do agree about the two "B"s. Ironically enough, both consider themselves devout "Christians"!

**Craig Bugden
Minden**

Don't cut back Old Age Supplement

Dear Editor:

Stephen Harper, having a majority, is being insistent on changing the age of qualification for the Old Age Supplement from 65 to 67 or even higher due to the increasing number of baby boomers qualifying or going to be qualifying for OAS. The rationale being used by the federal conservatives is that OAS increased 33 percent between 2000 and 2007 to \$31.8 billion.

They predict another 32 percent increase between 2010 and 2018, and by 2030 the cost will hit \$108 billion. I wonder if the government has taken into consideration the recession and number of people out of work. By 2030 there will be a large number of baby boomers who will have passed away. A private member's bill was introduced to reduce the number of years one must be a Canadian citizen from 10 years to three years in order to qualify for OAS. The logic for this baffles me.

We, the public, have been provided no update as to where this proposal stands. Hopefully in the garbage! Those who deserve the OAS and will have worked for 45-50 plus years in order to duly receive what they have been looking forward to should not be penalized for the Fed's shortcomings.

There are those who may choose to work beyond 65 and that is their prerogative, but it should not be forced on those who decide not to do such.

The government has stated if this policy is

implemented it would only affect those who are in their 40s; perhaps a referendum in the next election would be appropriate. Perhaps the government should have taken the \$750 million they spent on four dilapidated submarines, three of which are out of commission, and the estimated \$3 billion-and-climbing repair costs to refurbish these outdated antiques. Out of the four subs only one is in operation, limited in its capacity to dive and cannot use any torpedoes. According to Stephen Harper and his Conservative Party, changing the OAS is more of a priority than their ridiculous and unconscionable over-spending and mismanagement of taxpayers' money on subs that are of no use to anyone.

We have young, well-educated Canadians pounding the pavement looking for employment and yet they must travel out of Canada to find such. I can understand helping new immigrants coming to Canada to some degree, however we should be striving to keep our young, well-educated Canadians here in Canada who would be contributing to the OAS. Should we not demand our Federal Government be smarter with our tax dollars? As Canadians we are too passive and it has and will be our downfall.

**Beverly MacDuff
Goodeham**

A huge thank you from the sledders

Dear Editor:

Haliburton County Snowmobile Association says "A HUGE THANK YOU" to all the participants in the "GIVE IT A TRY RIDE" held at the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre on January 26-29.

Food donated by the riders is very much appreciated by our local Haliburton County Food Banks. Cash donated will help to provide fresh items.

Mark Lang and crew – John, Joey, Alana and Orton — did a fantastic job, looking after rider orientation, training and testing sessions.

An escorted ride on local trails gave these riders a "hands on" experience of HCSA trails.

**Gwen Bryant
HCSA Volunteer**

County population on the rise

Dear Editor:

According to the 2011 Census, just released by Statistics Canada, Haliburton County's population grew from 16,147 in 2006 to 17,026 in 2011, a 5.4 percent increase. Ontario grew by 5.7 percent; Canada by 5.9 percent.

The number of dwellings in Haliburton County grew from 21,257 in 2006 to 21,365 in 2011, a 0.5 percent increase. Ontario's dwellings grew by 6.8 percent; Canada's by 7.1 percent. Haliburton County is in the heart of cottage country, so the larger number of dwellings than permanent population reflects seasonal dwellings, I believe.

This is good news. We had a population drop from 1996 to 2001 of 236 and this indicates that our spot in the northern woods is growing again.

**Michael Fay
Minden**

Museums display old relics

Dear Editor:

I absolutely understand why Sharon Lawrence is outraged at the suggested new name for the RD Lawrence Place.

RD Lawrence signed his works and is known by RD Lawrence — not Ron Lawrence. An artist's name becomes synonymous with their work. As well, to call it an environment museum does not make sense. Museums display old relics; the environment is alive and ever-changing. To be fair, I understand that Council wants to broaden the usage of RDLP but [they] can easily do that in their promotional materials and Internet search descriptions.

RD Lawrence is a rare Canadian author who understood the interconnectedness of life. He lived it, breathed it and wrote about it. His humorous but no-nonsense description of his relationship with the land and the wildlife that surrounded him is a powerful testament to why it is important to pay more attention to where we live. RD Lawrence speaks for the environment.

It makes more sense to broaden the programs to include environmental studies and keep the name RD Lawrence Place.

**Darlene Buckingham
Tory Hill**

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Highlander arts

State of the Arts

“What does it mean?”



By Victoria Ward

On a recent tour through the National Gallery in Ottawa, I was asked by my companion about certain contemporary artworks. “What does it mean?” was the exact question. I get asked this a lot. As a ‘card carrying’ artist I am often seen as an expert on anything in galleries, or sculptures in front of office buildings or in a park, or even movies or theatre. A younger version of me would relish in such moments, thrilled by a chance to pontificate on my own brilliant thoughts. Today? Not so much.

I really enjoy going to galleries with other people to gauge their reactions and reflections. It’s my kind of fun. Roaming around a gallery with good friends can be an education. Some people like to jog through a gallery, stopping only infrequently to look a little closer. Others have to read every single label. Some like to take root on a bench in front of something they love. And then there are times when something really weirds us out — hello David Altmejd’s *The Index*.

Sometimes there is a great moment. Years ago my brother and his wife met up with me at the National Gallery after a skate on the wonderful Rideau Canal. He wanted to see “that Voice of Fire thing that got everyone so upset” (Barnett Newman’s classic abstract painting was bought by the National for \$1.8 million in 1989). We meandered through the gallery and kept the Fire for the end. As we rounded the corner into the room where it hangs, my brother’s pace slowed. He stopped right in front of it. He paused. He then looked back at me and said, “that’s actually pretty impressive and kinda’ beautiful”. Yes it is.

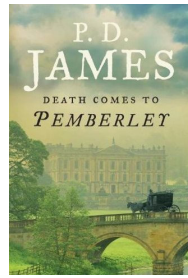
“What does it mean?” isn’t always a fair question because a lot of art isn’t trying to mean anything. Or its meaning resides in the ineffable area between the viewer and the object viewed. Really great art can on first viewing seem distant, imperceptible, but, after several viewings, you find you can relate to it easily.

Sometimes art is better appreciated by way of an explanation. I’ve always loved the French provocateur Louise Bourgeois regardless of what her work meant. However, once I began to read about her life and her approach to her work I was even more mesmerized. You have to admit that anyone who can make a sculpture of a predatory spider that is also a gigantic symbol of motherhood is awesomely cool.

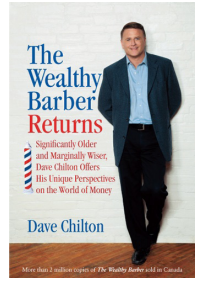
These days I am more hesitant when asked the WDIM question. I want to give that artist their due even if I don’t like the work, because I am sympathetic to their world. I know how hard it is to be an artist. Unlike most professions, you are validated only if you achieve immortal status (meaning: you need to be dead) and rewarded if you don’t try (meaning: aim for a comfortable middle ground in your work so that you don’t upset anyone). Of course there are exceptions to this, but for the most part artists tend to send their work out into the public realm without any security and end up living by how the world feels toward them.

In the mid-nineteenth century, art centric places like London and Paris had salons. These were art exhibitions which were juried and given top spot in the cultural calendar season. The critics, the collectors and the public waited all year for the salon, to see where art was and where it was headed. The British icon JWM Turner was in his seventies when he entered a series of new works into the 1840 salon. These are the Turners that we now know as great works: enormous sunsets blearing the forms of Venice and the Thames into violent shades of yellows, reds, golds and, well, every other colour you can think of. He was instantly labeled a crackpot and written off by the art establishment. Once extremely wealthy and famous, he died a lonely, pauper’s death.

Turner, a master at every aspect of painting from his adolescence on, had begun to abstract the landscape and blur that abstraction with reality. It was exactly what would happen in that century to many aspects of our culture: Freud, Marx, Nietzsche and others were also pushing our thinking and making us modern. Being innovative, or at the very least experimental, isn’t misguided. In fact it is usually the artist that takes the biggest risk, who pushes everyone else forward — just not immediately. I am always mindful now of breathing art in, taking my time with it and making sure that if it means anything, great, but it doesn’t have to.



Haliburton County's Hot Reads



The following are the top 5 fiction and non-fiction titles as requested at the Haliburton County Public Library for the week of February 13-19.

HCPL's TOP 5 FICTION

1. *Death Comes To Pemberley* by PD James
2. *Zero Day* by David Baldacci
3. *Before I Go To Sleep* by SJ Watson
4. *Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close* by Jonathan Safran Foer
5. *The Drop* by Michael Connelly

HCPL's TOP 5 NON-FICTION

1. *The Wealthy Barber Returns* by David Chilton
2. *Steve Jobs* by Walter Isaacson
3. *From This Moment On* by Shania Twain
4. *The 17 Day Diet* by Mike Moreno
5. *Currency Wars: The Making of the Next Global Crisis* by James Rickards

Death Comes To Pemberley has suddenly soared to the top of HCPL's Top Fiction list. This novel, written by the long-time acclaimed British mystery author PD James, follows *Pride and Prejudice*'s Elizabeth and Darcy after their wedding. They now have two handsome sons, Elizabeth's beloved sister Jane and her husband Bingley live nearby and, all in all, the world of *Pemberley* seems as orderly and blissful as can be; that is, until sister Lydia arrives at the autumn ball, screaming that her husband has been murdered.

PD James is by no means the first author to continue the lives of Jane Austen's characters in print. Fans of Austen tend to fall in to two camps: those who love being able to catch up with their favourite characters, and those who hate the idea of the original story being manipulated. If you fall into the former category, consider giving *Death Comes To Pemberley* a try. It is available in print, talking book and e-book formats at your library.

Library News

Frost Festival Fun at your library! We invite kids to come visit the “Bird Café” at the Dysart branch in Haliburton Village on Saturday, February 18 from 10-2. There will be bird-feeding crafts, winter bird colouring pictures, fact sheets, bird feed recipes and a scavenger hunt!

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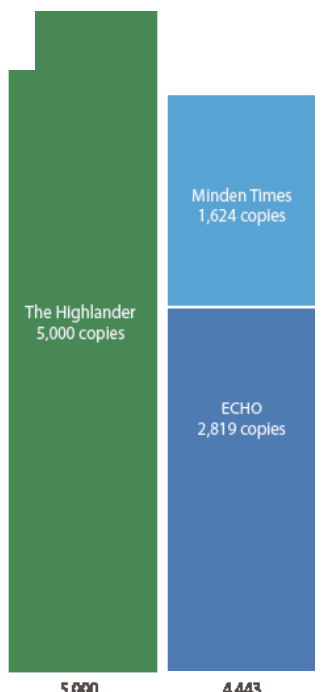
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Diamond goes into extra innings

By Will Jones

Following the report on the potential fate of Haliburton's baseball diamond in *The Highlander*, two letters were presented to Dysart Council at its February 13 meeting. The first, from local residents Jim and Marilyn Frost [published in this newspaper], expressed the couple's dismay that the ball diamond might be turned into a parking lot. The second, from the Haliburton Curling Club, told of how its members and frequent guests, while understanding the need for a diamond, would greatly appreciate improved parking adjacent to their venue.

Responding to these letters, Director of Public Works, Brian Nicholson, stated that there had been conversations with West Guilford Community Centre in the hope that Haliburton users could be accommodated there, but that

the timing of games and space requirements made it difficult.

"We've been floating the idea of what to do with the ball diamond but any changes will take a lot of work," said Nicholson. "I'll be meeting with a consultant this afternoon to look into alternative uses for the area." He also added that when the forefathers designated the land for recreational use, it was the only public open space in Haliburton, whereas this has now changed.

Ward One Councillor, Andrea Roberts, stated that people should also remember that these discussions were prompted by the repair issues required at the baseball diamond, rather than the need for extra parking at the arena. Reeve Murray Fearrey said, "We won't be moving the baseball diamond this year. We'll do what's needed

Murray Fearrey

Dysart et al

"We'll do what's needed to repair the current diamond and take the decision as to what to do with the baseball field slowly."

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The reeve had previously stated that public consultation would be a crucial part of deciding the future of the baseball diamond. It seems the debate has already started.

Roads drive costs for 2012 budget

Councillors question if new condo should pay for damage

By Will Jones

Public services, and particularly roads, were high on the agenda in the first draft of the Dysart et al budget, which came before Council at its February 13 meeting. The cost of policing and the rising cost of operating the municipality's landfills was also discussed, as were ways in which to make the Arena more cost effective.

Design work on Cranberry Lake Bridge and exploratory engineering on Oblong Lake Bridge were two major factors in a rise of over \$300,000 in transportation department costs. In addition, work to repair and replace sewers on Park Street, plus an extensive slurry seal road repair program for 2012, added to the \$2.6 million that has been budgeted to keep the roads and sewers of the municipality running smoothly.

Councillors asked why Dysart was 'on the hook' for the unforeseen work to repair the road surface and sewer on Park Street (\$187,000) when, they claimed, damage had been caused by construction equipment from the new Granite Cove condominium project. Director of Public Works, Brian Nicholson, concurred that some of the damage was due to the heavy machinery breaking up the surface of the car parking area and stated, "Pat [Martin] is looking into who is responsible for the damage to the car park, but the sewer work is under our repair program and we have known about it for a while now."

Ward Three Councillor, Steve Pogue, asked, "Should there have been a deposit taken from the developer to cover damage such as this?" Nicholson responded, stating that he could not answer that because it was the responsibility of the planning department.

Walt McKechnie, Ward Five Councilor, then asked Nicholson if it would be possible to keep residents up to date with repair work to the municipality's roads. "It would be great if we could," said McKechnie, "because these folks drive them every day and they get real concerned that we're not doing anything to upkeep the roads with their tax dollars."

"I hear you and we take complaints very seriously," said Nicholson. "But, we can't react to every one immediately. We have to consider all the needs and requirements of the roads with regards to their level of severity. That said, we never ignore a complaint. Either myself or one of my staff will check it out and then consider immediate action or how it fits into our planned road maintenance program."

Brain Nicholson

Director of Public Works

"We never ignore a complaint."

Reeve Murray Fearrey, said, "Roads have always been a real hot button item and one that we know affects everyone. However, it's a balancing act and we have other pressures to consider also.

"If we were to raise taxes 25 percent we could repair all of the roads but I know that people don't want that and so we have to carefully plan road maintenance and do the best we can."

Moving on to recreation, Nicholson discussed the Dysart Arena and its potential as a revenue generating venue, rather than a drain on funds. Neither he nor councillors thought that raising the fee for ice-time was an option, but Nicholson did suggest that the gifts of free ice-time that council donates to local organisations might be handled in a different way.

"Each time ice-time is given away it eats into the revenue that the arena generates," he said. "So, I propose that council allocates a sum of money, say \$5,000, and when it donates ice-time to an organisation the corresponding

amount that a fee-paying event would be charged will be paid to the arena."

Reeve Fearrey thought it an interesting idea and a good way of budgeting the amount of free ice-time and such gifts given by the municipality. The idea will be debated further.

Policing costs look set to rise again this year, an expense that the council can do nothing about. Over \$1.04 million has been budgeted for 2012, although true costs can not be determined until the end of the year. Similarly, the cost of the municipality's landfills rise year upon year; an expense that is prohibitive but, again, one where there are few options to cut costs.

The draft budget for Dysart includes a \$50,000 allocation to the Rails End Gallery, in line with previous years, as well as continued support of the library, museum and community centres. At the meeting, Council also passed resolutions to allocate \$3,500 to the Housing and Business Development committee to assist in various initiatives planned for 2012. The Environment and Green Energy committee was also allocated \$3,000 to continue its drive to raise awareness of environmental issues in the municipality.

Treasurer Barbara Swannell stated that in this preliminary reading, "although the budget is balanced, consideration must be given to various proposals." No increases have been made to the tax levy; the County is yet to finalise its tax rate; the Province has provided only estimated education tax rates, which have yet to be finalised; and, employee remuneration rates have not been raised from 2011 levels.

Reeve Fearrey concluded, stating: "It's a good start. Let's take this away and think about it."

Parties on ice

Dysart to rent arena for private functions

The following is a summary of the Feb 13 Dysart et al Council meeting.

\$18K for grader repairs

Following a collision with an SUV on January 6 at the intersection of Jim Beef Road and Highway 118, the Dysart et al grader has been garaged and is being repaired. The cost of repairs is estimated at \$18,000. The insurers of the parties involved are currently discussing liability, the result of which will decide whether the \$10,000 deductible on the council's policy will be triggered.

Pay and display to go ahead

Dysart et al Council has authorised the purchase of five pay and display parking machines for Highland Street, at a cost of \$40,500 plus HST. Reeve Murray Fearrey said, "The cost sounds like a lot but they'll last a long time. We went with electric units rather than solar powered ones following reports that other municipalities were having problems with the latter."

FoRT plan for village walks

To celebrate its fifth anniversary, Friends of the Rail Trail (FoRT) plans to undertake a project aimed at integrating the existing paths and walking routes around Haliburton village into one 'seamless and attractive network'. FoRT chair, Pamela Marsales, presented the idea to Council at its February 13 meeting and requested that council write a letter of support for presentation to the HCDC Local Initiatives Program grant application that FoRT is submitting. She also asked that council provide in-kind support in the form of a meeting place, as well photocopying and other administrative needs. Council agreed to write the letter and to discuss FoRT's requirements as they come up.

Party on ice anyone?

Haliburton Arena can now be hired for private parties. Use of the auditorium for one hour, with 50 minutes of ice time included, will cost \$100 plus HST. Catering packages are also available. This initiative is part of an ongoing drive to encourage increased use of the Dysart Community Centre.

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Sign on the bottom line

Liability agreement to be required from groups using municipal property for events

By Will Jones

Dysart et al Council has drafted formal agreements to be signed by parties wanting to hold events or parades on municipal property. The move follows warnings from the municipality's insurer on issues of liability, reported in The Highlander following the November 14 Council meeting.

"We are trying to control what happens on municipal property and to protect the taxpayers from having to foot the bill for repairs to property or injuries incurred," stated Director of Public Works, Brian Nicholson.

He continued, saying that he understood that it may be difficult for organizers to keep control of everyone at an event but that he felt that the new formal agreement would ensure that due consideration was given to municipal property and the wishes of the council.

The Agreement for the use of Municipal Parks/Property and the Agreement for the use of Municipal Property for Parades include requirements that all organizations using

municipal property would have to show proof of liability insurance, plus copies of a liquor license and Health Unit approvals, if required. There is also a \$250 security deposit, payable at the time of booking, which Nicholson said would be a discretionary element of the agreement.

"The security deposit isn't going to be charged if someone just wants to come onto the park for a gathering but it will come into play if there is potential for damage to any municipal property," said Nicholson. "However, event organizers see it as an incentive. If there's no damage, the deposit will be fully refunded."

Brain Nicholson

Director of Public Works

"The security deposit... will come into play if there is potential for damage to any municipal property."

Ward Four Councillor, Susan Norcross, asked what the procedure would be for parties who had already booked events during 2012. "The park is pre-booked for the most of the year already. Will these events be exempt from this new requirement?" she said.

Nicholson said: "No. They [the event organizers] were alerted at the time of booking that there would be a requirement to sign an agreement and so they are aware that this will be coming their way."

After reviewing the documents, Reeve Murray Fearrey stated that they were a 'work in progress' but a good start to ensuring the council had good control of its property and was insured against repercussions should damage occur.

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Mountain biking coming to Glebe Park

By Will Jones

Glebe Park is a focal point for cross-country skiers in the winter, and the sculpture park attracts plenty of visitors at other times of the year, too. However, always looking to promote the park and attract new users, Jim Blake, Chair of the Glebe Park committee, proposes to explore the possibility of developing mountain bike trails within the park.

Blake explained to Dysart et al Council at its February 13 meeting that his committee had recently received a delegation of local individuals requesting that they be allowed to develop a series of single-track mountain bike trails throughout the park.

"Mountain biking already happens in the park," explained Blake. "The trails have been created naturally over the years but there is no formal system or route so far. The parties in the delegation would form a club and gain insurance under the guidance of the International Mountain Biking Association. They would also be willing to take responsibility for the maintenance and signage of the trails as well as any further trail development."

Blake went on to say that Chico Racing, an organization that brings hundreds of riders to Haliburton County bi-annually as part of

its Crank The Shield mountain bike race, has also offered to work with the local group to provide professional expertise and in-kind support for trail development.

Reeve Murray Fearrey welcomed the idea but asked that Blake hold discussions with other local operators of mountain bike trails first, in order that businesses would not be adversely affected by any new trails.

Blake agreed, saying any plans would always be done in consultation with private enterprises involved in mountain biking.

However, he also stated that he'd had discussions with numerous members of the local mountain biking fraternity, and they'd told him that the more trails there are in the area, the more cyclists we are likely to see visiting Haliburton County for extended stays.

He went on to explain that the Glebe Park Committee had expressed to the delegation that any development would have to come under the auspices of a recognized association and that the new trails must be in accordance with the park's stewardship plan.

"What we want from council today is permission to talk further with the mountain biking group and explore what could be an exciting new tourist attraction for Glebe Park," said Blake.

Council agreed and a resolution was passed to allow Blake to go ahead.



A cozy nook on a winters day. Glebe Park is full of interesting old sheds, outbuildings and hiking trails. Photo by Terrance Gavan.



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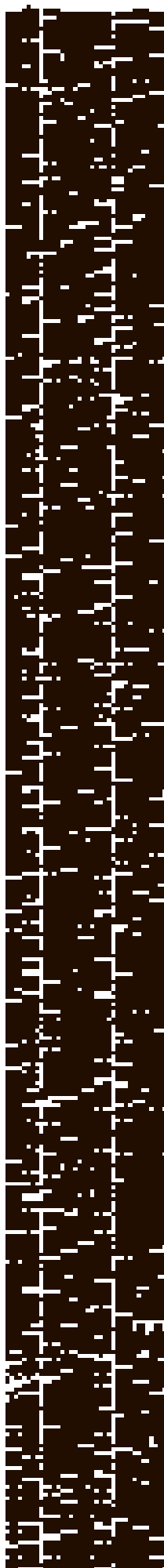
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Aging Well Fashionable shoes can cramp your style

Dear Readers,

Last week, 'Unhandy' wrote to ask for suggestions for making life easier when you suffer with arthritic hands and feet. In my response, I promised to revisit my column about buying shoes — because it's vital to reduce the stress on arthritic joints and good shoes can make a serious difference. The original column describes what to look for in a well fitting, well-designed shoe and it is repeated below.

How you treat your feet may have a direct bearing on how the rest of you feels. If everything but your feet feels like a million, there's an appreciable decrease in your available energy. It's hard to hobble your way through the time of your life.

The way you choose to dress your feet has a great deal to do with how your feet treat you. A lot of women's fashionable footwear — including flats — seems solely created to cramp your style. It's important to know that your foot has bones, muscles and ligaments that accomplish three main functions: to distribute your body weight evenly so no part of your foot is under excess strain; to give spring and elasticity to your step; to break the shock when you walk, run or jump.

While you say you wear only flats, the shoes you choose must still be safe, sensible and allow for good foot function, so your feet can do what they were meant to do and not get sore in the process of carrying you around. Anything that interferes with the foot's ability to accomplish its three main functions is bound to cause trouble.

Here's what you need to know about shoes.

When your heel is raised more than one inch above the forefoot, as it often is in wedgies, your body weight is thrust forward, putting tremendous pressure on the front half of your foot and disturbing the balance of weight distribution. The result can be sore feet, or worse. Continuous pressure of this kind can lead to bunions, calluses and pain. It's possible your wedgies are part of your problem, so stick with real flats for a while and see if that makes a difference.

And when it comes to flats, not all are equal. Be sure the sole has some traction and even more important, look for flats with a soft sole and heel. A rubber or crepe sole and heel are best because they give you a soft "heel strike" when you walk.

You'll find that your feet treat you better when you stop wearing hard soled shoes and opt for soft ones. Running shoes, with their spongy, rubber soles, are especially comfortable for that reason. If your feet are arthritic, spongy soles are crucial.

Choosing your shoes wisely is a good way to look after your feet. Soft gel inserts may provide some additional comfort because they cushion your feet as you walk and soften the heel strike. If you want to try inserts, be sure your shoes are roomy enough to accommodate them without cramping your toes.

Readers, if you have any other questions — about your mobility, your comfort, or just about getting through your day more safely and easily, I want to hear them. For real-life answers you can use, write to penny@haliburtonhighlander.ca.



By Penny Brown

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Shop Local Winners “You won my heart years ago”

The Highlander’s spotters found our Valentine’s Day Shop Local contest winners out and about last weekend. Pictured at right is John Parish of Haliburton, who plans to use his \$50 gift certificate at Haliburton Foodland. Says John about shopping locally: “The more, the better!” At left are winners Stan and Jean Farrell of Minden, who will use their Valentine’s gift at the Minden Pharmasave. “It’s the first time in all my life I’ve won anything,” said Jean. Without hesitation, Stan added, “no it isn’t dear, you won my heart years ago!” Thanks to everyone in Haliburton County for supporting local businesses this Valentine’s Day.

Terra and Toad introduced to a Minden audience

By Terrance Gavan

The stars of Halistoria, a pseudo plein air performance play, coming to a field or forest near you this summer, are two lovable ‘tricksters’ named Terra and Toad.

Let’s back up just a bit. Two beautiful masks, brilliantly designed by local artist Karen Sloan, are the real stars of Halistoria.

Michael Fay, a driving force behind the performance and the performers explains that the masks are inhabited by spirits, and their characters are determined by the players. And the audience.

Last Saturday night, the ethereal goddess, Lady Isadora – played by Daniela Pagliaro – brought the two mythic characters to the Dominion Hotel in Minden. A full house was on hand to witness the launch of Halistoria, a production that comes to the Highlands via the wicked auspices of the Conjurers troupe and a timely grant from Ontario’s Trillium Foundation.

Lady Isadora was there as a facilitator, urging the audience to join her in issuing Terra and Toad forth from the muck and ooze of the prehistoric Highlands to the fumes and flotsam of the 21st century.

And true to form, the human Muppets came to life on the stage, urged into some improvisational transitions with the help of audience input and some well-placed props.

Local actors Lila Sweet and Sebastian Renal were Terra and Toad and they were scrumptious on stage. Toad, the trickster, tried to steal the show. Terra kept him in check with some well-timed prods from her wooden lance.

Fay, the artistic director, was assisted on Saturday by producer, Fay Martin, choreographer Pagliaro and art director, Sloan. Fay assured the audience that Halistoria, in whole and in parts, will be very visible around Haliburton County this summer.

Highlander sports

Carquest Bantam Bs advance to semis

Submitted by Dan Marsden

The Storm Minden Carquest Bantam B girls advanced to the second round semi-finals in their Lower Lakes Female Hockey League play-offs on Saturday night, with a 3-1 victory over the West Northumberland Wild, taking the best of three series 2-0. Erin Little scored midway through the first off a nice rush down the boards, cutting in and going “five hole” on the goaltender.

Sydney Feir put the Storm up 2-0 late in the first with a nice wrister past the Wild goalie. A scoreless second period was followed with an opening draw face-off goal to start the third period by the Wild centre. She took the face-off, made a move to beat the ‘D’ and then went high glove-side on the Storm tender.

Cassidy Garbutt solidified the win with a patient rush late in the third period with the Wild goalie pulled, hitting the empty net from centre. Great win girls.

Stay game-ready as we take on Whitby in round two.

Storm Atom AEs fight hard in a losing cause

Submitted by Larry Bukta

The Highland Storm Atom AE team was defeated in two close games in Minden by Georgian Shores on the weekend, eliminating Storm from the playoffs. The first game on Saturday saw the Storm team down 3-0 at the beginning of the third period. The team then battled back with goals by Carter Bull and Will Petrie. Goalie Jaxson Campbell kept making outstanding saves to stop the Georgian Shores attack.

Miki Bukta finally scored the tying goal with less than three minutes remaining, sending the game to overtime. Georgian Shores finally scored on the power play to get the 4-3 win.

The second game saw the Storm team open the scoring with a goal by Braden Robinson in the first period. Georgian Shores scored two in the second period and a third at the beginning of the third period, and again Highland Storm fought back. With goalie Campbell pulled from the net, Nigel Smith managed to score the Storm’s second goal with under a minute left. The tying goal was not to be, as Georgian Shores scored an empty net goal for a 4-2 win.



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Hawks Nate Feir (10 in red) attempts to control a bouncing puck on a try for goal during a game against Fenelon Falls. Hawks won 6-2. **Photo by Terrance Gavan.**

Hawks beat Falcons to extend winning streak

Jordan Howe scores two tying and one winning goal

By Terrance Gavan

Fenelon Falls – When time ran out in the Fenelon Barn last Monday the scoreboard read Visitors-6 and Home-2.

The score clock was wrong. Okay, the Hawks won 6-2, but the clock lied. Put simply, the score was not indicative of the tight-fisted, blood, sweat, and rip-roar of a game.

The score was tied 2-2 until midway into third period. The Hawks were forced into two comebacks during the course of the game. They erased deficits of 1-0 and 2-1 against the Falcons. The Hawks trailed 1-0 after one period and it was tied 1-1 after two frames.

Jordan Howe scored a natural hat-trick accounting for the two tying goals and then he nabbed the winner, on a stellar second effort crease-scramble with only 4:40 remaining in the game.

His linemate Brett Yake scored the insurance marker just 37 seconds later, from almost exactly the same spot in another crease-scramble. Ryan Hunter popped a pair in the final minute and a half of the game.

Yake notched three assists, Tanner Ballantyne added two and Nate Feir had one helper.

Early on, the Falcons played a smothering, defensive

game, frustrating head-man chances for long stretches of the first and second periods. To their credit the Falcons managed to fit in a few odd man rushes and they proved their mettle by jumping on chances when opportunity knocked.

Hawks' goaltender, Zach Harrison stood on his noggin more than a few times in the first and second, and were it not for his stellar efforts in the crease, and two very loud clanging endorsements from a post and a crossbar, this game could have played out a lot differently.

And of course, it goes without saying that the Falcons' goaltender was as lights out as Harrison — for about 2.75 periods. They play three.

If you've ever played hockey for an old-school coach, you have heard that lament before. Probably it took the form of a purpled diatribe from the top of a dressing room chair. "How many times do I have to tell you? We play three periods!"

As they skated off the ice to the visitors' dressing room, the Hawks players greeted parents and fans alike with a loud and collective sigh of relief.

Probably no one in the building was quite as relieved as Coach Ron Yake.

"Fenelon Falls came out to play because they're battling for a top-four spot," said Yake after the contest. "We knew they'd come out and play, and they did. They played a strong defensive game and they didn't give us much of an opportunity to get going."

Yake said he was extremely proud of his players' efforts. When down, the young Hawks didn't lose that peculiar concentration and that quick-hitting game plan, said Yake.

And while third period heroics take their toll on coaches — cue Coach Bruce Griffith's 'touches of grey' — both 'Griff' and Yake are happy that the intangible inner will to go strong in the ebbing moments is extant on this team.

Yake gives credit to the Hawks first line of offence, Jordan Howe and Brett Yake, who just managed to pry the Falcons' grasping talons from the dyke in that exciting third period.

"That third goal and that fourth goal really turned it around," smiled Yake. "It's 1-1 going into the third period and the game ends 6-2 so that's a bit of a crazy third period."

"That's very similar to our game last week against Holy Cross, where it was very close until we finally opened it up." Hawks won that game 7-2 in a battle of unbeaten teams to take sole possession of first place in the Kawartha Varsity Hockey League. Since then, Holy Cross sustained a 5-1 loss to Thomas A Stewart on Feb 9.

Thus with only one game remaining against Adam Scott at the Kinsmen in Peterborough today, the Hawks sporting that 11-0 record have locked up first place and possibly — still to be decided — home ice advantage for the duration of the playoffs.

Overtime notes — A mix up in officiating forced a young official to start the game alone on Monday afternoon. Luckily, another young official had his gear in his car and was able to change quickly to help out his partner. Kudos to the two young men, Mac Weightman and Mark Dudman, who managed the game admirably. It's been a good week for Kawartha officials.

Highlander sports



By Terrance Gavan

Pardon the Eruption Poltergeists and the Fenelon Arena

I had an opportunity to travel to Fenelon Falls Arena on Monday. I was there in full reporter mode, camera and notepad at the ready, well-heeled and dapper, on the trail of the feisty Red Hawk varsity hockey team.

Okay, who are we kidding? We use an iPhone exclusively in post game interviews, and dictate the interesting parts of the game, including descriptors of every goal, into the phone during the game. We are old, our fingers get cold and we can't grasp a pen in a hockey arena, especially when hunched over the glass with a heavy zoom lens in our paws. Thus, Jobs has become an integral part of my job these days.

It was a pip of a game, and well-worth the wee fling down Hwy 35. We are halfway through In The Plex – the unabridged Google biography – on our iPhone Audible book account and the Fenelon junket gave me two hours of uninterrupted listening to woefully complicated accounts of ‘search-word algorithms’ and how two insufferable Mensa punks turned a simple search for ‘Daffy Duck’ into a kazillakillion dollar industry.

And now we leave that ADD divergence and return to Fenelon Falls Arena, a dilapidated old barn down the road from a lake, somewhere on the edges of a fairly nondescript little burg. I know I've been there once before, but for the life of me

I just can't remember when.

There's a reason for that. The Fenelon Stable is an eminently forgettable place.

It looks a little like our own Dysart et al Cow Hostel but — and how can we say this without re-offending everyone we've already offended? — the Fenelon Stable ain't got no soul. By the way, the Hawks beat the Fenelon Falcons, 6-2 in an exciting contest.

It was, and if you don't believe it, you may read our account somewhere in this section.

And, here's the clutch cinch on this tragic tale of a dark hole and blemish on the proud landscape of quaint Canadian arenas: Fenelon Falls hockey rink is silent.

Not silent in the way a crowd sits, mesmerized on the arena planks, in esoteric rapture, waiting for the next play to unfold. But silent. As in eerily devoid of animation, life or even the slightest whiff of bonhomie.

Quiet as a morgue. And bereft of any visible signs of life.

I now know what it must have been like for those first sailors who stepped on board the Mary Celeste, a legendary ghost ship, found adrift and devoid of life, bobbing alone on the Atlantic in 1872. “The ship was in a seaworthy condition, with all its sails still up and a full store of food in its cargo hold, but its life boat, captain's log book and, more importantly, the entire crew, had mysteriously vanished.”

The memory of that ship later drove two of the investigating seamen to suicide. Another four went mad.

I understand. For I have been to the Fenelon Falls Arena. Silent as a tomb. Even with two blazingly quick hockey teams in full sail, on a frozen sea splayed on a canvas before them.

In the stands, not a boo nor a whisper. Like a tomb. Fans sit in the Fenelon stands, stoically silent as Stepford Wives, glass-eyed and unflinching. Scary as hell.

There is, we told coach Ron Yake after the game, a tinge of evil in that place. A silence that burns like sulphur fumes off the River Styx. We will never go back. For we have seen the face of the goat. After that game, we wondered about the silence, and brought it up with coach Ron Yake, just before we rushed out of that godforsaken building and into our Jeep. Yake concurred, laughing.

“Yes, it's quiet in here, compared to our place,” laughed Yake. He said it's much nicer for the kids to play in a noisy arena.

We never thought we'd say this. But, thank god for the Dysart Barn and those fans, those kids and that joyous din.

And we have reported that place — we dare not mention its name - to Rome. An exorcist, Father Maurice Richard, has been dispatched. We are not optimistic. God bless Maurice Richard.

(And yes, we know. That's a long way to go for a Valentine's nod to la Grande Rocket, even for a diehard Habs fan.)

Peewee As fight hard, but down 2–0

Submitted by Karena Crofts

Dr. Ed Smolen Family Dentistry started the OMHA semi-finals on Saturday, Feb 11 against the Centre Hastings Grizzlies, a team they had met at several regular season tournaments. The Storm seemed to be outplaying and out-skating the Grizzlies, but the score board showed a different story.

No matter how hard the boys tried, the puck was just not their friend. The Grizzlies scored first and by the end of the second period they led 4-1. Chris Thompson scored for the Storm, assisted by Josh Boice. Everyone continued to play hard and the Storm managed one more goal by Max

MacNaull, but we ended up losing 5-2.

The second game was Sunday, Feb 12 in Marmora. Hopes were high as these teams are equally matched, but the result was similar. With a great surge of effort and hard work in the third period, the Storm boys managed two goals but were unable to tie or win the game. We lost 3-2 with our goals going to Chris Thompson and Chase Burden.

Our next game is Saturday, Feb 18 at 5pm in Haliburton. Please come out and cheer these boys on — they have worked hard to get where they are, and a little encouragement goes a long way.

Thanks for you support.

Peewee AEs win game and series against Oshawa

Submitted by Suzanne Haedicke

The Peewee AE team took the first series in three straight wins, with a 7-1 victory over Oshawa, in Haliburton on Saturday, Feb 11.

The first period started out with both teams working hard, and ended with a 1-1 score. Jon Morrison scored unassisted for the Storm's only first frame tally.

The momentum grew in the second period as the Storm found twine, scoring three more times. Mitch Billings, Ben Schmidt and Morrison scored the goals, with assists by Trevor Turner and Ryan Prentice.

The Storm surge continued into the third period and they took control of the game with some awesome passes and another three goals, to end the game 7-1. Schmidt scored a pair and ended up with a hat-trick. The other goal went to Alex Wilbee. The assists came from Aidan Garbutt, Schmidt, Alex Petrie and Alec Stoughton.

Great job boys.

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Haliburton's Hodgson Rookie of the Month

By Terrance Gavan

Vancouver Canucks creative centreman Cody Hodgson is the NHL's Rookie of the Month for January.

Hodgson led all NHL rookies in scoring with 10 points (6 goals, 4 assists) in 11 games.

Hodgson popped to the forefront with some outstanding performances. He nailed down the game-winning goal as part of multiple-point games in Vancouver's victories over the Boston Bruins (4-3 on Jan 7) and San Jose Sharks (4-3 on Jan 21). He finished his January tear on the 31st, scoring to tie the game on a breakaway in the final frame of a 3-2 OT victory over the Chicago Blackhawks. That goal was Hodgson's 14th of the season, and places him second among NHL rookies behind Philadelphia's Matt Read, who had 15 goals as The Highlander went to press.

Hodgson, a Haliburton cottager, was the tenth pick overall in the 2008 NHL entry draft. His rise to prominence, centering the third line on the prepossessing Vancouver Canuck juggernaut, has been well documented. Hodgson's winding road to the NHL was splattered with potholes, spikes and dead ends.

But Hodgson is lucky. Lucky to have family and a team of coaches watching his back – irony intended.

A job in the NHL tests mettle, sheer will and perseverance. Hell, it tests heart.

Vancouver Province writer Jason Botchford wrote a recent story opining that Hodgson, a one time target of trade

rumors, may be one of a handful of Canucks elevated to the “untouchable” list, and that must come as welcome news for the young man, who for a while last year and the beginning of this year must have been wondering about his role on the team.

“Right now, looking back, it's been a helluva four months for Cody Franchise,” writes Botchford. “There was the invite to the all-star weekend, a rookie-of-the-month honour, 14 goals, a drool-worthy array of shot making, big moments in big games, just two penalties, a real chance at a 50-point season and a return to this label – can't miss.”

“Don't think anyone saw all that coming,” Hodgson told Botchford. “I don't know if too many thought I'd be here right now.”

There's more, much more to this whiz kid than glitter, surface and mass. Like an iceberg, Hodgson's real worth is measured by what lies beneath.

“I always tried to be a player who contributes when it matters most,” Hodgson told The Province. “Even in minor hockey, I played on some really great teams and I think it's all helped. We went to the championship game as much as I can remember, going back to being eight years old.

“I can probably remember all the losses we had which prevented us from getting to a final. You play in those games as a kid and you start to get used to the mentality.”

Hodgson ranks fourth in the rookie scoring race, with 30 points (14 goals, 16 assists) in 50 games, and he is second among rookies in power-play goals, with five.

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In Loving Memory Dana Brent Curl



Passed away suddenly at home on the Irish Line on February 13, 2012, at the age of 52.

Dear father of Samantha "Sam" and Maxine. Beloved son of Ruby and the late Don Curl (2007). Dear brother of Gene and his wife Marg of Uxbridge, Pamela and her husband Joe Domingos of Uxbridge and Wray of Pickering. Fondly remembered by his nieces and nephews; Tonya, Terra, J.J., Monica, John, Stephen, great nephew Riley, great niece Ella and by his friends.

Friends are invited to visit the family for a Service to Celebrate Dana's Life at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden K0M 2K0 on Friday, February 17, 2012 at 1:00 pm. Reception to follow in the family centre at the funeral home. Cremation has taken place.

Memorial Donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.
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EVENTS

CALL FOR CHOREOGRAPHERS AND BANDS *for Dusk Dances in Haliburton*



Dusk Dances Haliburton is seeking two site-specific dance pieces created by choreographers or groups from the Haliburton County area for the 2012 program. We are looking for one piece that involves local young people and one that involves community members of varying ages. A professional fee will be paid to the choreographer or group for the development, creation and mounting of the performance piece at Head Lake Park in Haliburton, July 19 to July 22, 2012.

We are also seeking a local band or musical group that can attract an audience of all ages to perform as the opening act for Dusk Dances. A professional fee will be paid for four ½ hour performances, July 19 to July 22, 2012.

Deadline for submissions: February 29, 2012

For a copy of the full applications and terms of reference contact:
Daniela Pagliaro at daniela.p@sympatico.ca

Dusk Dances Haliburton is a project of the Haliburton County Community Co-operative.

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Saturday, February 18th, 2012

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March 2012

MARCH 15 TO 24

- FREE PUBLIC SKATING THROUGHOUT MARCH BREAK AT DYSART ARENA – contact Ray (705) 457-2083, mmiscio@dysartatetel.ca, for times

Thursday – 15

- Haliburton Highlands Diabetes Education Network will provide screening and diabetes education, Haliburton County Library, Dysart Branch, 1 pm to 3 pm
- Play Group, Point in Time (currently until April 30), Cardiff Elementary School, 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm, Dawn Hurd, (705) 457-5345, ext 311
- Cardiff Kinder Group, Point in Time (currently until April 30), Cardiff Elementary School, 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm, Dawn Hurd, (705) 457-5345, ext 311
- Adult's Only Skate, every Thursday, Dysart Arena, 11 am to 12:30 noon (except Feb 9 & Mar 8 times will be 12 noon to 1:30 pm and on Mar 15 times will be from 12:30 pm to 2 pm, \$2 per person, contact Ray, (705) 457-2083
- Bid Euchre, Minden Community Centre, 1 pm to 4 pm, Bev, (705) 286-3085
- Bid Euchre, Community Care, Haliburton, 1 pm, (705) 457-2941

Friday – 16

- Iron Kettle Maple Syrup demonstration (Friday & Saturday), Haliburton Museum - exhibits, trails, tobogganing, music, and more, (705) 457-2760
- Cribbage, Community Care, Haliburton, 1 pm, (705) 457-2941
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- Shepherd's Table Community Supper, Lakeside Baptist Church, 9 Park Street, Haliburton, (705) 457-2851

Monday – 19

- Parent Child Mother Goose, Haliburton Ontario Early Years Centre (ending Monday, April 30), 10 am to 11 am, for parents and children (newborn to 2.5

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Tuesday – 20

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Wednesday – 21

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- Wednesdays - lunch time Meat Draw
- Thursdays - 7:30 pm - Euchre Nights
- Fridays: 5 pm to 7 pm - Fish & Chips Dinner

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jandreamweaver@aol.com

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- Saturday, March 17 – 2 pm, Meat Draw
- Sunday, March 18 – 1-6 pm, Retro Sunday – retro drink prices
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